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1. In spring 1941, construction work was begun on the Stalin Highway (Stalinskoye shosse) for the purpose of connecting Brest and Moscow with a first-class highway via Minsk (see sketch for location of the new highway). Starting at a point six kilometers southwest of Yamichno (N 52-53, E 25-45), the work was carried on simultaneously all the way to Minsk. World War II broke out before the road could be surfaced and the bridges built. The only work done on the highway during World War II was the construction of some temporary bridges. 25X1
2. Construction work was resumed in 1952, and by summer 1953 the highway had been completed up to Panipol, a village about ten kilometers northeast of Dzerzhinsk (N 53-41, E 27-07). The highway had a concrete base and was surfaced with asphalt. It was seven meters wide, with a 2.5 meter soft shoulder on either side. Transportation was restricted to motor vehicles, and the road was kept in excellent condition. By summer 1953 all bridges as far as Panipol had been completed. With the exception of two temporary wooden bridges, all the bridges were made of reinforced concrete. One temporary wooden bridge was over the Shchura River between Zagozhe (N 53-13, E 26-05) and Skarchevo (N 53-11, E 26-06) and the other was over the Nemen River at Stolptse (N 53-29, E 26-45). By summer 1953, however, reinforced concrete bridges were under construction at both places.

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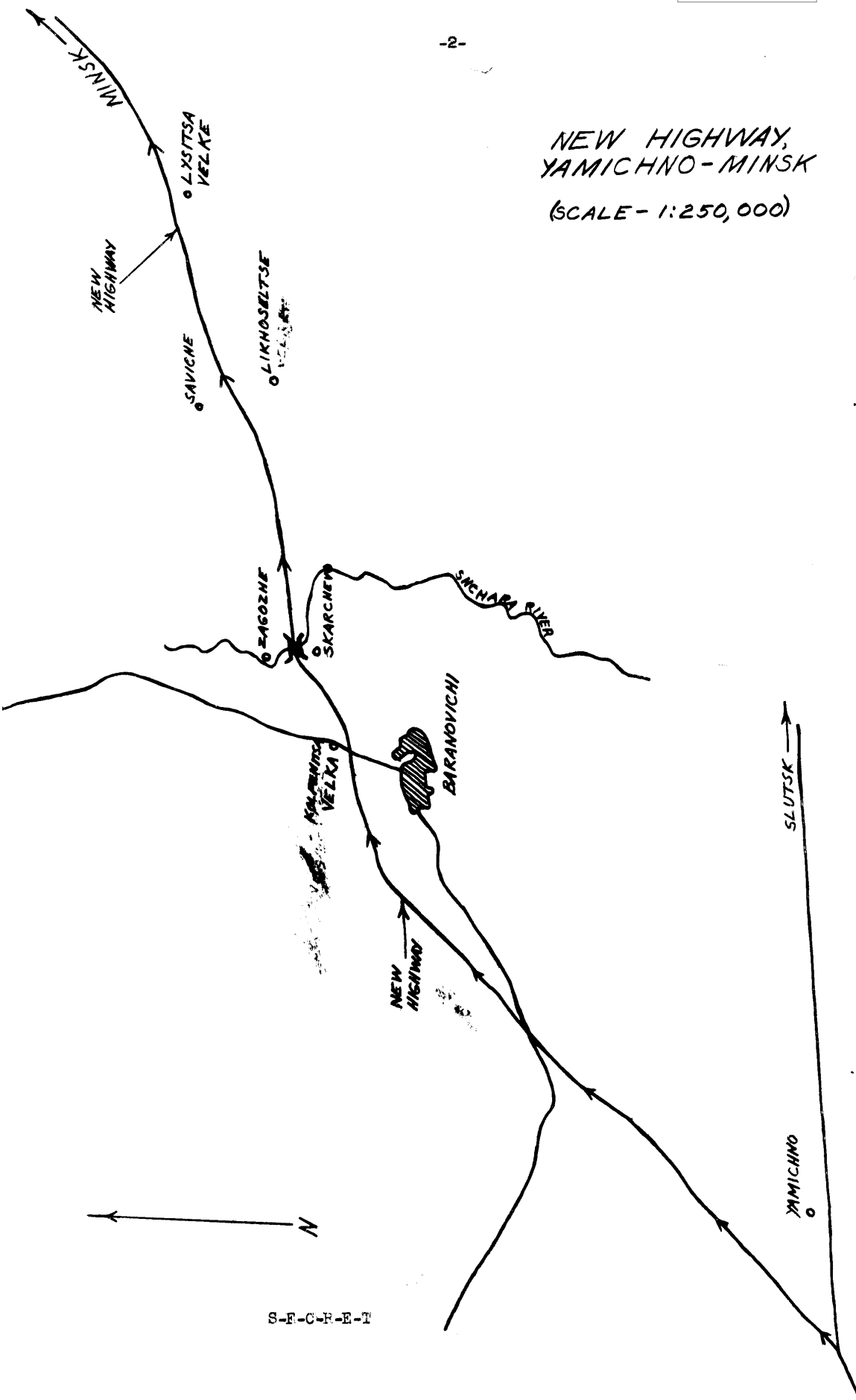
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